

REMARKS

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 30 has been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of this claim is moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 17-19 and 25-30 were rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 17-19 and 30 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot. With respect to claims 25-29, Applicant has amended the specification to remove any references to signal or carrier waves. Thus, based on the amended specification, claims 25-29 are directed to statutory subject matter. Therefore, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10 and 13-30

Claims 1-10 and 13-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0091819 to Melchione et al. (*Melchione*). Claims 4, 14, 17-19, 22, 27 and 30 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot. Applicant submits claims 1-3, 5-10, 13, 15-16, 20-21, 23-26 and 28-29 are not anticipated by *Melchione* for at least the reasons set forth below.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, in part, the following:

displaying a relationship value for each listed service reference, wherein the relationship value is to specify whether the listed service reference is to be automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node is started.

Independent claims 10, 20 and 25 recite similar limitations.

The Office action at page 5 states that *Melchione* teaches the above-referenced limitations of claim. The Office action asserts that the radio buttons and check boxes in Fig. 5 of *Melchione* constitute a relationship value that specifies whether the associated service reference is to be automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node is started. Thus, the Office action essentially asserts that the actions represented by the radio buttons and check boxes (e.g., delete file, move file, clean file, etc.) are automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node (i.e., email virus scan) is started. However, the erroneous logic in this assertion is readily apparent – *Melchione* does not teach that files are automatically deleted, moved, or cleaned in conjunction with starting a virus scan. Indeed, Fig. 5 of *Melchione* clearly illustrates that no action is taken *unless or until* a virus is actually found. In other words, the actions associated with the radio buttons and check boxes do not automatically start when the virus scan starts; instead those actions only occur after the virus scan starts *if* a virus is actually found. Thus, the cited portion of *Melchione* does not teach or disclose displaying a relationship value for each listed service reference, wherein the relationship value is to specify whether the listed service reference is to be automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node is started.

Claims 2-3 and 5-9 depend from claim 1. Claims 13 and 15-16 depend from claim 10. Claims 21 and 23-24 depend from claim 20. Claims 26 and 28-29 depend from claim 25. Given that dependent claims necessarily include the limitations of the

claims from which they depend, Applicant respectfully submits claims 1-3, 5-10, 13, 15-16, 20-21, 23-26 and 28-29 are not anticipated by *Melchione*.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 19

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Melchione*. Claim 19 has been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of this claim is moot.

Claim 11

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Melchione* in view of U.S. Publication No. 2001/0005201 to Digiorgio et al. (*Digiorgio*).

Claim 11 depends from claim 10. As discussed above, *Melchione* fails to teach or disclose displaying a relationship value for each listed service reference, wherein the relationship value is to specify whether the listed service reference is to be automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node is started. *Digiorgio* was cited as teaching displaying a GUI using Java Foundation Classes that uses “Swing”.

Whether or not *Digiorgio* teaches the limitations cited in the Office action, *Digiorgio* does not teach or disclose displaying a relationship value, for each listed service reference, wherein the relationship value is to specify whether the listed service reference is to be automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node is started. Thus, *Digiorgio* fails to cure the deficiencies of *Melchione*. Therefore, Applicant submits claim 11 is not obvious in view if *Melchione* and *Digiorgio*.

Claim 12

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Melchione* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,061,721 issued to Ismael et al. (*Ismael*). Claim

12 depends from claim 10. As discussed above, *Melchione* fails to teach or disclose displaying a relationship value for each listed service reference, wherein the relationship value is to specify whether the listed service reference is to be automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node is started. *Ismael* was cited as teaching a bean-based management system that uses managed beans to abstract, control and monitor system resources using a graphical user interface. Whether or not *Ismael* actually teaches the limitations cited in the Office action, *Ismael* does not teach or disclose displaying a relationship value, for each listed service reference, wherein the relationship value is to specify whether the listed service reference is to be automatically started when the service represented by the selected tree node is started. Thus, *Ismael* fails to cure the deficiencies of *Melchione*. Therefore, Applicant submits claim 12 is not obvious in view if *Melchione* and *Ismael*.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-16, 20-21, 23-26 and 28-29 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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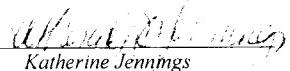
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